## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 137

February 24, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Gard, Harsdorf, Ott, Grothman, Musser, Albers, Ziegelbauer, Porter, Brandemuehl, Ainsworth, Seratti and Underheim, cosponsored by Senators Cowles and Welch. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

AN ACT to create 938.396 (2m) (c) of the statutes; relating to: disclosure of certain information concerning a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, subject to certain exceptions, records of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the children's code and the juvenile justice code (juvenile court) are not open to inspection and their contents may not be disclosed except by order of the juvenile court. Current law, however, requires a juvenile court, on request, to open for inspection by the requester the records of the juvenile court, other than records that deal with sensitive personal information of the juvenile and the juvenile's family, relating to a juvenile who is alleged to have committed a violation for which the juvenile may be placed in the serious juvenile offender program and relating to a juvenile who is alleged to have committed a violation that would be a felony if committed by an adult and who has been adjudicated delinquent previously. The requester may further disclose the information to anyone. This bill requires a juvenile court, on request, to disclose to anyone the name and age of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent for committing any violation, the nature of the violation and the disposition imposed as a result of the violation. Under the bill, the requester may further disclose the information to anyone.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 938.396 (2m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

938.396 (2m) (c) Notwithstanding sub. (2), upon request, a court shall disclose to the requester the name and age of a juvenile who has been adjudicated delinquent, the nature of the violation committed by the juvenile and the disposition imposed on the juvenile as a result of the violation. The requester may further disclose the information to anyone.

#### SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to juveniles who are adjudicated delinquent on the effective date of this subsection.

10 (END)